

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES OF FLORIDA

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**Resolution**  
July 27, 1996

BE IT RESOLVED that at the Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida the following:

WHEREAS, it has been made known to the Board of Directors that a proposal has been submitted to the Florida Supreme Court for a change in the Rules of Judicial Administration which would limit the terms of office for the Chief Judges of the State of Florida to two successive terms, and

WHEREAS, the Conference believes that the decision to elect the Chief Judge should continue to be addressed by local custom and rule, and

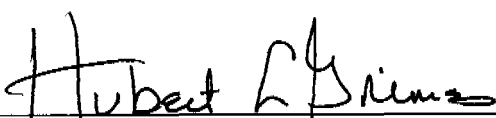
WHEREAS, there appears to be a number of different methods by which the Chief Judges are serving in that capacity throughout the state, some allowing for re-election and others restricting same, and

WHEREAS, the Conference believes that to unfairly limit the ability of each circuit to select and retain its leadership interferes with the independence of the judiciary.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida hereby opposes the changes in the Rules of Judicial Administration as purposed by the Florida Bar which would limit the terms of office that Chief Judges may serve in the State of Florida.

RESOLVED AT KEY LARGO, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 1996.

BY:   
HUBERT L. GRIMES, PRESIDENT  
CONFERENCE OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES OF  
FLORIDA